



Common Characteristics of Suspicious Mail

- Type of mail: Foreign, Priority, Special Delivery
- Restrictive endorsements: Confidential, Personal, To Be Opened by Addressee Only
- Visual distractions: Fragile, Rush, Handle With Care
- Excessive postage (usually postage stamps)
- Fictitious or no return address
- Poorly typed or handwritten addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Titles but no names
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains or discolorations
- Excessive or uneven weight distribution
- Excessive binding material: masking, electric or strapping tape; string; twine
- Rigid, lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires, screws or other metal parts
- Postmarked from area different from return address

Adapted from information provided by the U.S. Postal Service